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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UR, EG
SUBJECT: FAHMY/GROMYKO MEETING STILL UP IN AIR

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1. AHAM DIPLOMATIC EDITOR TOLD EMBOFF AFTERNOON JUNE 3
THAT FONMIN FAHMY HAD JUST INFORMED HIM VENUE PROBLEM FOR
JUNE 9-10 FAHMY/GROMYKO MEETING HAS STILL NOT BEEN SOLVED.
SAME JOURNALIST SAYS SOVIET EMBOFFS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR
POLYAKOV, HAVE TOLD HIM IN LAST FEW DAYS GROMYKO UNABLE
LEAVE MOSCOW FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, FRENCH FONMIN DE
GUIRINGAUD WILL VISIT MOSCOW JUNE 7-8. SECOND, GROMYKO
MUST STAY IN MOSCOW FOR SUPREME SOVIET MEETING, BECAUSE
HE IS "PILLAR OF SUPPORT" FOR BREZHNEV. JOURNALIST NOTED
LOCAL SOVIETS NEVER ASSERT THAT BREZHNEV'S PREEMINENT
POSITION IN QUESTION NOR DO THEY REFER TO PODGORNYY OUSTER
EXCEPT AS MINOR EVENT.

2. COMMENT: WE UNABLE COMMENT ON VALIDITY REASONS GIVEN
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FOR NECESSITY GROMYKO PRESENCE IN MOSCOW (THOUGH THEY
SOUND RATHER WEAK TO US), BUT IT NOTEWORTHY HE APPARENTLY
DOES INTEND TO STAY PUT. TWO STAGE MEETING, WITH SECOND
ENCOUNTER IN CAIRO, CONTINUES TO BE MOST LIKELY OUTCOME.
HOWEVER, WE HEAR EGYPTIANS HAVE AGAIN SUGGESTED VIENNA S COMPROMISE
SITE.

3. FOR MOSCOW: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING WHETHER
POLYAKOV IS MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
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